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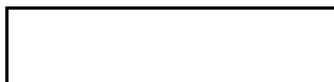
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: 19 April Memo on South Vietnamese Politics ("Nation in Ferment")

1. The attached memorandum was prepared at my request and its production was brokered by the Vietnamese Affairs Staff, but it reflects the work of many hands. Mr. Layton of ONE/FE did the basic drafting. OCI and FE/VNO assisted in its preparation and contributed ideas to it. The final editing was done by the VAS. It is, thus, a joint effort in which all Headquarters elements concerned with South Vietnamese politics have participated.

2. The memo was prepared primarily as an operational aid and guide for the Political Action Division of the Saigon Station. It is, however, a compendium that many U.S. Government elements concerned with Vietnam might find useful. I intend to recommend at the 20 April Executive Committee meeting that in addition to distributing it within the building and pouching it to Saigon, we send copies to Messrs. Rostow, Komer, Cooper, Bundy, Unger, McNaughton and, possibly, McNamara; attempt to get copies to Ambassadors Bunker and Locke; and send several copies to the Vietnam Working Group, INR, and the working level components of DIA.

3. I deliberately had this opus printed as a blind memorandum with a SECRET classification to enhance its utility and avoid drawing attention to its CIA origin.



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SUBJECT: Lodge's 19 April Weekly (Saigon 23485 NODIS)

1. This is Lodge's final weekly. He closes (para 37) by saying that a week from "today" (19 April) I hope to be home and by thanking President Johnson "for your trust in me, for your never-failing backing and for your leadership so full of insight."

2. Other subjects discussed include

(1) National Reconciliation and the GVN's (finally) announced program

(2) The political situation (Lansdale jumped the gun in reporting that the military had picked Ky.)

(3) Hanoi's thinking, an exhortation to the President not to be duped (paras 11 - 18)

(4) The military situation (nothing new)

(5) Casualties, a discussion of current statistics, VC attacks on RD teams and general VC terrorism (paras 22 - 31)

(6) Chieu Hoi figures (still up)

(7) Economic indices, a resume which includes the fact that rubber trees in III Corps are deteriorating, possibly as a result of U. S. herbicide operations (para 36)

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